

**Response under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116  
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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: )  
Hiroya KOBAYASHI et al. ) Confirmation No.: 9269  
Application No.: 10/573,467 ) Group Art Unit: 2822  
Filed: April 13, 2007 ) Examiner: Paul E. Patton  
For: SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE AND )  
METHOD FOR MANUFACTURING )  
THE SAME )

Commissioner for Patents  
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office  
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Sir:

**RESPONSE AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION**

In response to the Final Office Action dated December 9, 2008, the period for response to which extends through May 11, 2009 (May 9, 2009 being a Saturday) by the concurrently-filed petition for a two-month extension of time and corresponding fee payment, reconsideration of the instant application is respectfully requested in light of the following remarks.